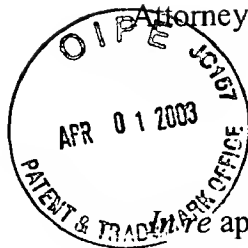


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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants have considered the Office Action mailed 1 October 2002 and offer the following amendments and remarks. Accompanying this Amendment is a Petition for Extension of Time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), containing a provision for payment of the appropriate fee, extending the period for response by three months, to and including 1 April 2003. Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

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